



**James Monroe Building
Conference Room E – Lobby
May 6, 2003
10:00 a.m.**

MEETING SUMMARY

Program - Jim Carroll introduced Dr. Sheryl Asen, an instructional technology and evaluation specialist with Arlington County Public Schools. Dr. Asen gave a presentation on Technology Integration Observation Tool that is being used at Arlington Schools. Handouts were distributed. A discussion followed.

Reports

Student Records Collections –NCLB (No Child Left Behind) requires that data be collected on individual students. This means a complete redesign of the current VDOE school data collection system. In addition, the U. S. Department of Education (ED) is developing a new automated system for collecting data to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and other federal education programs. This new system, called the Performance-Based Data Management Initiative (PBDMI), is based on the principle “collect once and share.” A discussion followed the presentation.

State Education Technology Plan–The Board of Education approved the Educational Technology Plan for Virginia: 2003 – 2009 at its April 29th meeting. Current plans call for school divisions to submit a local plan aligned to the state plan early in 2004.

Ed Tech Competitive Grant –Grants were awarded to eight consortia. Grant activities must support effective integration of technology and for professional development to use technology to transform teaching and learning. Grant awards ranges from \$500,000 to \$700,000. The grants will be funded for five years.

Handouts included a map showing consortium membership by school divisions and a directory of the consortia project managers, fiscal agents, and Department of Education Program Officers. Three school divisions have chosen not to participate in consortia.

An external review panel reviewed the proposals. The panel made several recommendations: 1) revisions to proposals that set conditions for fund, 2) a specific budgeted amount for a project evaluation, and 3) the development of a state evaluation tool to serve as a framework for evaluation of consortia programs and activities.

The web page for the Ed Tech grant can be assessed at
<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/EdTech/>.

A superintendent's memo will be posted on May 9 with instructions for submitting a renewal application for Year 2 funding of the Ed Tech Formula Grants.

Ed Tech Statewide Evaluation – Lan Neugent described the plan to follow through on the recommendation of the Competitive Grant Review Team for a state grant evaluation framework.

Teacher Discount Purchase of Laptops - Governor Warner signed House Bill 1761 into law that allows teachers to purchase laptop computers from the state acting contract. Additional information is in the form of a handout in the packet is as much as we know about when they can buy it and where. The actual purchase implementation or administration of this bill is housed in the Department of Information Technology. The law becomes effective July 1, 2003. A Q & A will be linked on our web site. It refers to when they can begin to buy the computers, what brands will be available, what other related devices and where they can additional information.

TSSA and the TSIPs – (Zahrl Schoeny): At a previous meeting, a discussion of content technology standards training for administrators took place. He referred members to the handouts for additional information.

Toolkit – Lan Neugent called attention that a handout in the packet describing SETDA's (State Educational Technology Directors Association) Toolkit, set of guidance documents that will help states in implementing NCLB. SETDA is an organization that represents the state directors for educational technology. SETDA's goal is to improve student achievement through technology.

SOL Web-base Initiative - Lan Neugent gave an updated report on the SOL Initiative. Every school division has completed Phase I certification except one. About ninety divisions have Phase II certification. We anticipate that at the end of spring testing we will have offered 125,000 tests online. Next year we hope to have 400,000 tests given online. A discussion followed.

Staffing for Technology/SOQ – Guidelines for staffing for technology were provided to the Board of Education. The Board did not take action on the guidelines at the last meeting. Sometime during the summer, a copy of the guidelines will be sent to the members.

Lan also gave a report on the revision of the SOQ (Standards of Quality). The SOQ is on the web site for public comment. Questions followed.

Dave Uhlig distributed *Planning Guide for Maintaining School Teachers*. Dave served on a task force with the National Center for Education Statistics in producing the book. He explained the purpose of the book. The web site for this is www.nces.ed.gov.

VITAL – Chis O'Neal distributed a handout and gave an updated report. Discussion followed.

Technology Standards for Virginia Administrators - At the last meeting, Jane James made a motion that VETAC make a statement regarding technology standards for Virginia Administrators. The statement is "*Current Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel ((TSIP) should specifically address standards for administrators or educational leaders that reflect their leadership, management, evaluation, and program responsibilities. The ISTE NETS-A Standards could serve as a model for development of Virginia standards for administrators.*" Jim Carroll submitted a revised statement: "*Current Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel (TSIP) do not address technology standards for administrators or educational leaders. New standards for administrators should be developed that reflect their*

technology leadership, management, evaluation and program responsibilities. The ISTE NETS Standards could serve as a model for development of the Virginia Standards for Administrators.” A motion was made and seconded that the committee accepted the statement made by Jim Carroll.

AOL Award – Gloria Barber reported that the Department of Education coordinated with the Secretary of Education’s office and AOL (America On Line) to present the Governor’s Innovative Use of Technology in the Classroom Award. The award is sponsored by the Governor and AOL and consists of an unrestricted cash award of \$2,500. There is a winner from each region to receive the award on May 30th at the AOL Headquarters in Dulles, Virginia.